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- 1978

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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED FEBRUARY
17 FROM DEPUTY UNHCR MACE IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, FOR
DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND ACTION.

QUOTE: I REFER TO THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDOCHINESE PAROLE PROGRAMME 1978
OUTLINED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT CABLE 038351 WHICH YOU
KINDLY TRANSMITTED TO THIS OFFICE.

WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE THAT UNDER THIS PROGRAMME THE UNITED
STATES WILL ACCEPT 7,000 "BOAT PEOPLE" WHO ARE NOW IN
COUNTRIES OF TEMPORARY ASYLUM WHO EITHER:

A) HAVE A CLOSE RELATIVE (SPOUSE, PARENT, GRAND-
PARENT, SON, DAUGHTER, UNMARRIED SIBLING AND
UNMARRIED GRANDCHILDREN)

AND/OR

B) HAVE NOT FOUND ANY OTHER COUNTRY OF RESETTLEMENT
AND QUALIFY UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY
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WE NOTE FURTHER THAT CASES WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED UNDER
THE IPP 77 BUT WERE NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE OF THE EXHAUSTION
OF NUMBERS WILL BE REGARDED AS INCLUDED AND APPROVED UNDER
THE IPP 78 UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY ANOTHER
COUNTRY.

WITH REGARD TO THE PLAN OF THE UNITED STATES TO MOVE
RAPIDLY AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1,

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE REGISTERED WITH UNHCR BEFORE THAT DATE WHO HAVE NOT FOUND ANY OTHER COUNTRY OF RESETTLEMENT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY PROCESSED BY THE COMPETENT US OFFICIALS IN THE AREA, WHILE CASES REGISTERED WITH UNHCR AFTER THAT DATE, WHO DO NOT HAVE A CLOSE RELATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, WILL ONLY BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE IPP 78 IF, DESPITE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE RESETTLED IN ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, SUCH THIRD COUNTRY IS NOT FOUND.

WE ARE ADVISING OUR OFFICES IN THE AREA OF THESE STIPULATIONS AND OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAFFING IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES. AS REGARDS PARAGRAPH 26 AND 27 OF STATE DEPARTMENT CABLE 138351 WE WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT WHILE DUE CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO THE FIRST CHOICE OF A RESETTLEMENT COUNTRY EXPRESSED BY APPLICANTS, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FIELD, FULLY AWARE AS THEY ARE OF THE VARIOUS CRITERIA OF ACCEPTANCE DEFINED BY COUNTRIES RECEIVING INDOCHINESE DISPLACED PERSONS, INFORM AND ADVISE APPLICANTS ACCORDINGLY IN THE FORMULATION OF RESETTLEMENT REQUESTS. THUS REQUESTS ARE AS A GENERAL RULE SUBMITTED ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MOST LIKELY TO GIVE THEM FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

WE PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS 1978 IPP WILL BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE AREA. THIS WILL CERTAINLY FACILITATE AND NO DOUBT ACCELERATE THE RESETTLEMENT.

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MENT EFFORTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES.

WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF THE MEETING OF COORDINATION AND RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS ORGANIZED IN KUALA LUMPUR AND TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE YOU THAT SUCH COORDINATION, WHICH IS UNDERTAKEN IN VARIOUS WAYS BY ALL OUR FIELD OFFICERS, WILL CERTAINLY BE CONTINUED IN THE FUTURE.

WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 10 OF STATE DEPARTMENT CABLE 038351 AND THE INCLUSION IN THE IPP 78 OF CASES APPROVED UNDER IPP 77 WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ADVISE US OF YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF SUCH CASES. IN RELATION TO THE IPP 77 WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HOW MANY PERSONS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED AND ACCEPTED OUT OF THE INLAND CAMPS (QUOTA 8,000).

FOR THE INFORMATION OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE AREA WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING CLARIFICATION OF THE TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE OF MINORS UNDER THIS AND PREVIOUS U.S. RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMMES. WE DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION WHICH WAS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 21 OF STATE CABLE 038351.

FINALLY WE WISH TO RECALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT, FOR

WELL KNOWN REASONS, THE UNHCR IS NOT IN A POSITION TO
COORDINATE RESETTLEMENT OF "BOAT PEOPLE" TEMPORARILY
ACCEPTED IN TAIWAN. YOURS SINCERELY, CHARLES H. MACE,
DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO INFO
ADDRESSEES OF REFTEL.
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